IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TABOLINA et al.

Application No.: 10/073,293

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO ACID USING BACTERIA BELONGING

TO THE GENUS ESCHERICHIA

Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Gangle, Brian J.

Attorney Ref. No.: US-1450

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, two month(s) to March 17, 2007.

The period for response has previously been extended to February 17, 2007.

Please charge the credit card identified in EFS-Web processing or our deposit account 50-2821 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendancy of this application to the same deposit account.

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